

Whereas a declaration of statehood by the Palestinians outside the framework of negotiations would, therefore, constitute a most fundamental violation of the Oslo process;

Whereas Yasir Arafat and other Palestinian leaders have repeatedly threatened to declare unilaterally the establishment of a Palestinian state;

Whereas the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state would introduce a dramatically destabilizing element into the Middle East, risking Israeli countermeasures, a quick descent into violence, and an end to the entire peace process; and

Whereas, in light of continuing statements by Palestinian leaders, United States opposition to any unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood should be made clear and unambiguous: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That—*

(1) the final political status of the territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority can only be determined through negotiations and agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Authority;

(2) any attempt to establish Palestinian statehood outside the negotiating process will invoke the strongest congressional opposition; and

(3) the President should unequivocally assert United States opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state, making clear that such a declaration would be a grievous violation of the Oslo accords and that a declared state would not be recognized by the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. GEJDENSON, each for 20 minutes.

By unanimous consent, the time for debate was extended by 20 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by Mr. GILMAN and Mr. GEJDENSON.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SHIMKUS, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SALMON demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. STEARNS, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

#### ¶23.14 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 819

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 104):

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 819) to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill shall

be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. The chairman of the Committee of the Whole may: (1) postpone until a time during further consideration in the Committee of the Whole a request for a recorded vote on any amendment; and (2) reduce to five minutes the minimum time for electronic voting on any postponed question that follows another electronic vote without intervening business, provided that the minimum time for electronic voting on the first in any series of questions shall be 15 minutes. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

On motion of Mrs. MYRICK, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

#### ¶23.15 MARITIME COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION FY 2000 AND 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. MYRICK, pursuant to House Resolution 104 and rule XVIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 819) to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mrs. MYRICK, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. STEARNS as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. STEARNS, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 104, reported the bill back to the House.

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title.

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, announced that the yeas had it.

Mr. SHUSTER demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas ..... 403  
affirmative ..... Nays ..... 3

#### ¶23.16 [Roll No. 50] YEAS—403

Abercrombie	Dicks	Kaptur
Ackerman	Dingell	Kasich
Aderholt	Dixon	Kelly
Allen	Doggett	Kennedy
Andrews	Doolittle	Kildee
Archer	Doyle	Kilpatrick
Armey	Dreier	Kind (WI)
Bachus	Dunn	Kingston
Baird	Edwards	Klecza
Baker	Ehlers	Klink
Baldacci	Ehrlich	Knollenberg
Baldwin	Emerson	Kolbe
Ballenger	Engel	Kucinich
Barcia	English	Kuykendall
Barr	Eshoo	LaFalce
Barrett (NE)	Etheridge	LaHood
Barrett (WI)	Evans	Lampson
Barton	Everett	Lantos
Bass	Ewing	Largent
Bateman	Farr	Larson
Becerra	Fattah	Latham
Bentsen	Filner	LaTourette
Bereuter	Fletcher	Lazio
Berkley	Foley	Leach
Berman	Forbes	Lee
Berry	Ford	Levin
Biggert	Fossella	Lewis (CA)
Bilbray	Fowler	Lewis (GA)
Bishop	Frank (MA)	Linder
Blagojevich	Franks (NJ)	Lipinski
Bliley	Frelinghuysen	LoBiondo
Blumenauer	Frost	Loftgren
Blunt	Gallagher	Lowe
Boehlert	Ganske	Lucas (KY)
Boehner	Gejdenson	Lucas (OK)
Bonilla	Gekas	Luther
Bonior	Gephardt	Maloney (CT)
Bono	Gibbons	Maloney (NY)
Borski	Gillmor	Manzullo
Boswell	Gilman	Markey
Boucher	Gonzalez	Martinez
Brady (PA)	Goode	Mascara
Brady (TX)	Goodlatte	Matsui
Brown (CA)	Goodling	McCarthy (MO)
Brown (FL)	Gordon	McCarthy (NY)
Brown (OH)	Goss	McCollum
Bryant	Graham	McCrery
Burr	Granger	McDermott
Burton	Green (TX)	McGovern
Buyer	Green (WI)	McHugh
Calvert	Greenwood	McInnis
Camp	Gutierrez	McIntosh
Campbell	Gutknecht	McIntyre
Canady	Hall (TX)	McKeon
Cannon	Hansen	McKinney
Capps	Hastings (WA)	McNulty
Capuano	Hayes	Meehan
Cardin	Hayworth	Meek (FL)
Carson	Hefley	Meeks (NY)
Castle	Herger	Menendez
Chabot	Hill (IN)	Metcalf
Chambliss	Hill (MT)	Mica
Clay	Hillery	Miller (FL)
Clayton	Hilliard	Miller, Gary
Clement	Hinche	Miller, George
Clyburn	Hinojosa	Minge
Coble	Hobson	Mink
Coburn	Hoefel	Mollohan
Collins	Hoekstra	Moore
Combest	Holden	Moran (KS)
Condit	Holt	Moran (VA)
Conyers	Hooley	Morella
Cook	Horn	Murtha
Cooksey	Houghton	Myrick
Costello	Hoyer	Nadler
Cox	Hulshof	Napolitano
Coyne	Hunter	Neal
Crane	Hutchinson	Nethercutt
Crowley	Hyde	Ney
Cummings	Inslee	Northup
Cunningham	Isakson	Norwood
Danner	Istook	Nussle
Davis (FL)	Jackson (IL)	Oberstar
Davis (IL)	Jackson-Lee	Obey
Davis (VA)	(TX)	Olver
Deal	Jefferson	Ortiz
DeGette	Jenkins	Ose
Delahunt	John	Owens
DeLauro	Johnson (CT)	Packard
DeLay	Johnson, E. B.	Pallone
DeMint	Johnson, Sam	Pascarell
Deutsch	Jones (NC)	Pastor
Diaz-Balart	Jones (OH)	Payne
Dickey	Kanjorski	Pease

Pelosi	Sawyer	Taylor (MS)
Peterson (MN)	Saxton	Taylor (NC)
Peterson (PA)	Schakowsky	Terry
Petri	Scott	Thomas
Phelps	Serrano	Thompson (CA)
Pickering	Sessions	Thompson (MS)
Pickett	Shadegg	Thornberry
Pombo	Shaw	Thune
Pomeroy	Shays	Thurman
Porter	Sherman	Tiahrt
Portman	Sherwood	Tierney
Price (NC)	Shimkus	Toomey
Quinn	Shows	Towns
Radanovich	Shuster	Trafficant
Rahall	Simpson	Udall (CO)
Ramstad	Sisisky	Udall (NM)
Rangel	Skeen	Upton
Regula	Skeltion	Velazquez
Reyes	Slaughter	Visclosky
Reynolds	Smith (MI)	Walden
Riley	Smith (NJ)	Walsh
Rivers	Smith (TX)	Wamp
Rodriguez	Smith (WA)	Waters
Roemer	Snyder	Watt (NC)
Rogan	Souder	Watts (OK)
Rogers	Spence	Waxman
Rohrabacher	Spratt	Weiner
Ros-Lehtinen	Stabenow	Weldon (FL)
Rothman	Stark	Weller
Roukema	Stearns	Wexler
Roybal-Allard	Stenholm	Weygand
Royce	Strickland	Whitfield
Rush	Stump	Wilson
Ryan (WI)	Stupak	Wise
Ryun (KS)	Sununu	Wolf
Sabo	Sweeney	Woolsey
Salmon	Talent	Wu
Sanchez	Tancredo	Wynn
Sanders	Tanner	Young (AK)
Sandlin	Tauscher	Young (FL)
Sanford	Tauzin	

## NAYS—3

Chenoweth	Paul	Sensenbrenner
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## NOT VOTING—27

Bartlett	Hall (OH)	Pryce (OH)
Bilirakis	Hastings (FL)	Scarborough
Boyd	Hostettler	Schaffer
Callahan	King (NY)	Turner
Cramer	Lewis (KY)	Vento
Cubin	Millender-	Watkins
DeFazio	McDonald	Weldon (PA)
Dooley	Moakley	Wicker
Duncan	Oxley	
Gilchrest	Pitts	

So the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

## ¶23.17 H.R. 774—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced the further unfinished business to be the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 774) to amend the Small Business Act to change the conditions of participation and provide an authorization for the women's business center program; as amended.

The question being put,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas ..... 385  
affirmative ..... Nays ..... 23

¶23.18 [Roll No. 51]  
YEAS—385

Abercrombie	Bachus	Barr
Ackerman	Baird	Barrett (NE)
Aderholt	Baker	Barrett (WI)
Allen	Baldacci	Barton
Andrews	Baldwin	Bass
Archer	Ballenger	Bateman
Armey	Barcia	Becerra

Bentsen	Gekas	McCollum
Bereuter	Gephardt	McCrery
Berkley	Gibbons	McDermott
Berman	Gillmor	McGovern
Berry	Gilman	McHugh
Biggert	Gonzalez	McInnis
Bilbray	Goode	McIntosh
Bilirakis	Goodling	McIntyre
Bishop	Gordon	McKeon
Blagojevich	Goss	McKinney
Bliley	Graham	McNulty
Blumenauer	Granger	Meehan
Blunt	Green (TX)	Meek (FL)
Boehlert	Green (WI)	Meeks (NY)
Boehner	Greenwood	Menendez
Bonior	Gutierrez	Metcalf
Bono	Gutknecht	Mica
Borski	Hall (OH)	Miller, George
Boswell	Hall (TX)	Minge
Boucher	Hansen	Mink
Brady (PA)	Hastings (WA)	Moakley
Brady (TX)	Hayes	Mollohan
Brown (CA)	Hayworth	Moore
Brown (FL)	Hill (IN)	Moran (KS)
Brown (OH)	Hill (MT)	Moran (VA)
Bryant	Hilleary	Morella
Burr	Hilliard	Murtha
Burton	Hinchey	Myrick
Buyer	Hinojosa	Nadler
Calvert	Hobson	Napolitano
Camp	Hoefel	Neal
Capps	Hoekstra	Nethercutt
Capuano	Holden	Ney
Cardin	Holt	Northup
Carson	Hooley	Norwood
Castle	Horn	Nussle
Chabot	Houghton	Oberstar
Chambliss	Hoyer	Obey
Clay	Hulshof	Olver
Clayton	Hunter	Ortiz
Clement	Hutchinson	Ose
Clyburn	Hyde	Owens
Collins	Inslee	Oxley
Combest	Isakson	Packard
Condit	Istook	Pallone
Conyers	Jackson (IL)	Pascarell
Cook	Jackson-Lee	Pastor
Cooksey	(TX)	Payne
Costello	Jefferson	Pease
Coyne	Jenkins	Pelosi
Crowley	John	Peterson (MN)
Cummings	Johnson (CT)	Peterson (PA)
Cunningham	Johnson, E. B.	Petri
Danner	Johnson, Sam	Phelps
Davis (FL)	Jones (NC)	Pickering
Davis (IL)	Jones (OH)	Pickett
Davis (VA)	Kanjorski	Pombo
Deal	Kaptur	Pomeroy
DeGette	Kasich	Porter
Delahunt	Kelly	Portman
DeLauro	Kennedy	Price (NC)
DeMint	Kildee	Quinn
Deutsch	Kilpatrick	Radanovich
Diaz-Balart	Kind (WI)	Rahall
Dickey	Kingston	Ramstad
Dicks	Klecza	Rangel
Dingell	Klink	Regula
Dixon	Knollenberg	Reyes
Doggett	Kolbe	Reynolds
Dooley	Kucinich	Riley
Doyle	Kuykendall	Rivers
Dreier	LaFalce	Rodriguez
Dunn	LaHood	Roemer
Edwards	Lampson	Rogan
Ehlers	Lantos	Rogers
Ehrlich	Largent	Ros-Lehtinen
Emerson	Larson	Rothman
Engel	Latham	Roukema
English	LaTourette	Roybal-Allard
Eshoo	Lazio	Rush
Etheridge	Leach	Ryan (WI)
Evans	Lee	Ryun (KS)
Everett	Levin	Sabo
Ewing	Lewis (CA)	Salmon
Farr	Lewis (GA)	Sanchez
Fattah	Linder	Sanders
Filner	Lipinski	Sandlin
Fletcher	LoBiondo	Sawyer
Foley	Lofgren	Saxton
Forbes	Lowey	Schakowsky
Ford	Lucas (KY)	Scott
Fossella	Lucas (OK)	Serrano
Fowler	Luther	Sessions
Frank (MA)	Maloney (CT)	Shadegg
Franks (NJ)	Maloney (NY)	Shaw
Frelinghuysen	Markey	Shays
Frost	Martinez	Sherman
Gallegly	Mascara	Sherwood
Ganske	Matsui	Shimkus
Gejdenson	McCarthy (MO)	Shows

Shuster	Tanner	Walsh
Simpson	Tauscher	Wamp
Sisisky	Tauzin	Waters
Skeen	Terry	Watkins
Skeltion	Thomas	Watt (NC)
Smith (MI)	Thompson (CA)	Watts (OK)
Smith (NJ)	Thompson (MS)	Waxman
Smith (TX)	Thornberry	Weiner
Smith (WA)	Thune	Weldon (FL)
Snyder	Thurman	Weller
Souder	Tiahrt	Wexler
Spence	Tierney	Weygand
Spratt	Toomey	Whitfield
Stabenow	Towns	Wilson
Stark	Trafficant	Wise
Stearns	Udall (CO)	Wolf
Stenholm	Udall (NM)	Woolsey
Strickland	Upton	Wu
Stupak	Velazquez	Wynn
Sununu	Vento	Young (AK)
Sweeney	Visclosky	Young (FL)
Talent	Walden	

## NAYS—23

Campbell	DeLay	Royce
Canady	Doolittle	Sanford
Cannon	Hefley	Sensenbrenner
Chenoweth	Herger	Stump
Coble	Manzullo	Tancredo
Coburn	Miller, Gary	Taylor (MS)
Cox	Paul	Taylor (NC)
Crane	Rohrabacher	

## NOT VOTING—25

Bartlett	Goodlatte	Pitts
Bonilla	Hastings (FL)	Pryce (OH)
Boyd	Hostettler	Scarborough
Callahan	King (NY)	Schaffer
Cramer	Lewis (KY)	Slaughter
Cubin	McCarthy (NY)	Turner
DeFazio	Millender-	Weldon (PA)
Duncan	McDonald	Wicker
Gilchrest	Miller (FL)	

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

## ¶23.19 H. CON. RES. 24 —UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PEASE, pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, announced the further unfinished business to be the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 24) expressing congressional opposition to the unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state and urging the President to assert clearly United States opposition to such a unilateral declaration of statehood.

The question being put,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution?

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the { Yeas ..... 380  
affirmative ..... Nays ..... 24  
present ..... 2

¶23.20 [Roll No. 52]  
YEAS—380

Abercrombie	Baker	Bateman
Ackerman	Baldacci	Becerra
Aderholt	Baldwin	Bentsen
Allen	Ballenger	Bereuter
Andrews	Barcia	Berkley
Archer	Barr	Berman
Armey	Barrett (NE)	Berry
Bachus	Barrett (WI)	Biggert
Baird	Barton	Bilbray